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TAGS: GATT, ETRD

SUBJECT: GATT: SPECIAL BALANCE OF PAYMENTS (BOP) COMMITTEE

MEETING, FEBRUARY 19

REFERENCES: (A) GENEVA 907; (B) GATT SPEC(75)1

1. DRAFT REPORT ON WORK OF BOP COMMITTEE DURING 1970-74

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(REF B) CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW WITHIN USG. REPORT APPEARS

WELL WRITTEN AND RAISES NUMBER OF COMPLEX BUT IMPORTANT POLICY QUESTIONS (GATT-IMF RELATIONS, GATT REFORM IN MTN, DIVERSITY OF MEASURES WHICH HAVE BOP IMPLICATIONS). WE SHARE MISSION'S VIEW (REF A) THAT FEBRUARY 19 MEETING DOES NOT PERMIT DETAILED PREPARATION OF CP POSITIONS ON THESE ISSUES. WE ASSUME THIS FIRST MEETING WILL NECESSARILY BE LIMITED TO GENERAL DISCUSSION AND TO SETTING AGENDA FOR SUBSEQUENT DELIBERATIONS.

2. WE FIND BOP COMMITTEE INITIATIVE TIMELY IN VIEW OF THE GROWING PRESSURES FOR NEW BOP RESTRICTIONS. ALTHOUGH IN GENERAL WE HOLD VIEW THAT BOP COMMITTEE WORK HAS BEEN USEFUL CHECK ON RESORT TO UNJUSTIFIABLE BOP MEASURES, WE BELIEVE IMPROVEMENTS CAN AND SHOULD BE MADE. WE WILL SUPPORT CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF EXISTING GATT BOP RULES AND PROCEDURES. SPECIFICALLY WE BELIEVE (A) GATT RULES SHOULD BE CHANGED TO ALLOW THE USE OF SURCHARGES FOR DOP PURPOSES AND

(B) EXISTING GATT RULES AND PROCEDURES SHOULD BE REVIEWED WITH A VIEW TO DEALING MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH PROBLEMS OF

COUNTRIES WHICH FLAUNT OR EVADE GATT BOP CONSULTATION PROCEDURES.

3. CONTENT OF DRAFT REPORT APPEARS TO GIVE FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK, WITH A FEW MINOR OMISSIONS (E.G. SRI LANKA AND EGYPT ARE LEFT OFF LIST OF COUNTRIES CONSULTING UNDER ABBREVIATED PROCEDURES IN 1973). SHORTCOMINGS OF PRESENT CONSULTATION PROCEDURES ARE WELL IDENTIFIED IN DRAFT REPORT AND, AS MISSION POINTS OUT, HIGHLIGHT THE NEED FOR BETTER COORDINATION OF AND COUNTRY ADHERENCE TO GATT BOP COMMITTEE PROCEDURES. IN SHORT WE CAN ACCEPT REPORT AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION OF THIS SUBJECT. USREP MAY THEREFORE TAKE LEAD IN PROPOSING FURTHER COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ON REVIEW OF EXISTING GATT BOP RULES AND PROCEDURES INCLUDING INITIAL ATTENTION ON THE TWO AREAS OF CONCERN NOTED PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE. RE TIMING ON THIS SUBJECT IN MTN: IF DISCUSSIONS IN GATT BOP COMMITTEE CONFIRM OUR CURRENT IMPRESSION THAT MOST COUNTRIES NOW SERIOUSLY AND POSITIVELY INTERESTED IN MODERNIZ- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ING GATT BOP RULES AND PROCEDURES, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BEGINNING MORE SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS IN MTN AS SOON AS FEASIBLE. IN ANTICIPATION OF THIS, BOP COMMITTEE COULD DO USEFUL PREPARATORY WORK IN CLARIFYING WHERE CONSENSUS ALREADY EXISTS AND WHAT DIFFERENCES WILL NEED TO BE NEGOTIATED. MAW

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